

Sullivan County NH

Type of Meeting: Delegation Executive Finance Committee
Date/Time: July 27, 2009 / 1:00 pm
Place: Newport Remington Woodhull County Complex
Commissioners Conference Room

Finance Committee Members Present: Rep. Suzanne Gottling, Rep. John Cloutier, Rep. Beverly Rodeschin

EFC Members Absent: Rep. James McClammer, Rep. Philip "Joe" Osgood

Other Delegation Members Present: None

Other Elected Officials and Other County Employees Present: SCHC (Sullivan County Health Care) Administrator Ted Purdy, County Administrator Greg Chanis

Public Present: Former Rep. Peter Franklin

EFC Chair, Rep. Gottling, called meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

Rep. Rodeschin moved Rep. Cloutier seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the 5-22-09 EFC meeting for the purpose of discussion, and subject to correction.

The three EFC members present together made several corrections to the 5-22-09. But later Rep. Rodeschin and Rep. Cloutier withdrew their motion and second following the announcement by the chair that she and Rep. Houde-Quimby will be meeting tomorrow (7-28-09) in an effort to have better minutes produced in the future as well as correct the minutes of the 5-22-09, 5-29-09, 6-1-09, 6-12-09, and 6-22-09 meetings which have yet to be approved.

Rep. Rodeschin moved Rep. Cloutier seconded a motion that the EFC delay approval of its 5-22-09, 5-29-09, 6-1-09, 6-12-09, and 6-22-09 spending creation of a template for all minutes. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Chanis then discussed a 7-24-09 e-mail he had sent on behalf of the commissioners to the NH Retirement System protesting recent increases in the county's contributions to the retirement system as required under the new state budget as a violation of the NH Constitution's Article 28-a, which prohibits unfunded mandates on counties and municipalities.

Mr. Purdy then reviewed the SCHC's most recent annual census figures for fiscal year 2009 as well as a revenue review SCHC thru 5-31-09. He then answered questions about the census and revenue.

Mr. Chanis then updated EFC on the building of the Department of Corrections (DOC) new Community Correctional facility including the framing of the new facility's construction. He said the county plans to use the services of the NH Municipal Bond Bank in Concord to help do the financing, unless it can get a more favorable financing arrangement with a local financial

institution. He distributed an information sheet from the Bond Bank outlining a possible financing arrangement, which he said is not final. (see attached sheet)

Mr. Chanis announced that the auditing firm of Melanson and Heath will begin an audit of the county's finance 2009 on August 3, 2009.

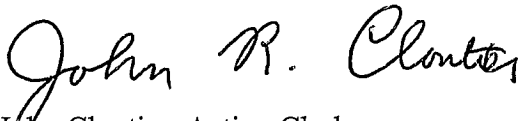
Next, Mr. Chanis reviewed the county's financials, both the revenues and expenses for June 2009, the last month of FY 2009.

Former Rep. Franklin made suggestions on how the county should handle its finances in the future, including restoration of a positive fund balance.

Rep. Rodeschin moved Rep. Cloutier seconded a motion to adjourn at 2:29 pm.

The Chair announced that the EFC will tentatively next meet on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Cloutier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "C".

Rep. John Cloutier, Acting Clerk
Sullivan County Delegation Executive Finance Committee

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